Garrison Charges Shaw Again

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison reopened the Clay Shaw case Monday and filed perjury charges against Shaw, who was acquitted only three days ago of a charge that he had plotted to kill President John F. Kennedy.

Garrison's complaint, filed with the court clerk Monday afternoon, charged Shaw with lying when he denied at his trial that he had ever seen or been acquainted with Lee Harvey Oswald or David W. Ferrie.

Garrison had charged that Shaw conspired with Oswald and Ferrie, both now dead, to kill the President in 1963. The unanimous verdict of a Criminal District Court jury early Saturday morning cleared Shaw of the conspiracy charge.

"I'm shocked," said Edward Wegmann, one of Shaw's attorneys, when he appeared with Shaw to post $1,000 bond at the court clerk's office.

"Ditto," said Shaw when asked his reaction to the new charge.

Shaw told newsmen he would stand by his statement of March 2, 1967, when he first said he did not know Oswald or Ferrie. And he repeated, "I never knew Oswald or Ferrie."

The Warren Commission, which conducted the official investigation of President Kennedy's assassination, said it could find no credible evidence of a conspiracy and named Oswald as the lone gunman. Ferrie, a former airlines pilot, told newsmen shortly before his death in 1967 that he had been pegged as the getaway pilot in an elaborate plot to kill Kennedy.

"Mr. Shaw was telling the truth and the truth will come out in the next trial as it did in the last," said F. Irvin Dymond, Shaw's chief defense counsel at the conspiracy trial. "Let's not forget the jury was unanimous in its acquittal of Shaw."

As Shaw prepared to leave the clerk's office after posting bond, Chief Clerk Dan Haggerty grabbed his hand and wished him good luck.

A spokesman for Garrison's office said the official comment on the charge is, "No comment."